



STATE OF MINNESOTA

## Violent Crime Coordinating Council

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January 29, 2014

Senator Chris Eaton  
75 Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd.  
Capitol, Room 321  
St. Paul, MN 55155-1606

William Rummeler, Chairman  
Steve Rummeler Hope Foundation  
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Dear Senator Eaton and Chairman Rummeler:

The Violent Crimes Coordinating Council (VCCC) was established by the Minnesota Legislature in 2010 to provide guidance related to the investigation and prosecution of drug crime. Dr. Gavin Bart made a presentation at our December meeting on the proposed Naloxone Good Samaritan legislation. We also had a speaker from the DEA who highlighted increased availability and purity of heroin in the twin cities as well as the widespread diversion of opioid painkillers.

After some discussion about liability, training and funding, the VCCC voted to support legislation expanding the administration of Naloxone in suspected opiate overdoses by law enforcement and other first responders. There were varying opinions on the Good Samaritan provisions so the VCCC will not document support or opposition, but leave it to individual law enforcement leaders to weigh in on behalf of their communities.

We look forward to the introduction of this legislation and support you in combatting abuse and trafficking of heroin and opioids in Minnesota.

Sincerely,

*James J. Jensen*

VCCC Chair  
Jim Jensen  
Dodge County Sheriff  
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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Michael Goldstein".

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*Developing an overall strategy to ameliorate the harm caused to the public by gang and drug crime within the state of Minnesota*